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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF 9/3/04

Dear Sir:

Applicants believe the Restriction Requirement of September 3, 2004 is not necessary since Claims 30-33 were already subject to the restriction requirement of March 20, 2003 to which Applicants responded on April 21, 2003. Thus, the method Claims 25-29, 40, and 42-46 already represent the elected claim group for this Application. For purpose of a complete response, Applicants reiterate the election of method Claims 25-29, 40, and 42-46, and believe such claims should be allowed as discussed in the Amendment filed May 26, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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